

## FAVORS FLORIDA

Henry Watterson, in the Louisville Courier-Journal of February 6, 1908, admits, after sampling Italy and the French Riviera that, for real simon pure, winter comfort and enjoyment, there is no place like Florida, and we give him credit for sense, even if he goes prefer another portion of this "strip of sand" than our immediate vicinity.

Here is a part of what he says: "The search for winter sunbeams has become an incident of modern life in what may be called the northern countries, and, with the haut ton of those countries, it is a profession. Many must seek the south actually and solely for their health. In Europe and quite into February, there is no climate to speak of north of Spain, and in Spain but a single city, Barcelona, where the living arrangements are tolerable, though at Algeciras and across from Biarritz they are beginning to learn the rudiments of the value of making people comfortable."

"The bright skies and balmy airs of Italy, of which we read so much in English song and story, are a delusion and a snare. They have no snow and ice at Naples, even at Palermo. The English drew their contrasts from their own detestable weather. A hundred years ago consumptives were sent to Montpellier—mostly to die—albeit Montpellier is close upon the Spanish border. Then the French Riviera was discovered, and Nice and Cannes became the headquarters of tuberculosis and fashion. Yet Genoa, only a hundred miles away on the self-same coast is almost as variable and as bad in point of atmospheric conditions as the Valley of the Ohio. Over Monte Carlo and Mentone and Beaulieu the snow-clad mountains bang, and it is well through January before the spring opens."

"East of the Rockies, in the United States, there is nothing but Florida, and South Florida at that. Fifty millions of people, more or less, must pay sanitary tribute to Florida, or freeze at home. That is a goodly clientele for a strip of land some five hundred miles in length, with a varying breadth down to the peninsular keys across which Flagler is building a railway to the other side of Jordan. I have a regard for Mr. Flagler. But his charges are too dear for butter and eggs, and canned milk. I don't like when I ask for my bill to have a lackadaisical hotel clerk gaze superciliously over my head into the space allotted for the ceiling, and murmur abstractedly, 'I guess it is about sixty dollars.' I feel very much like answering with my irate fellow Kentuckian, 'Guess agin, you son-of-a-gun! I've got more than that.'"

"The east coast of Florida is a high-falutin' and a high-sailing set. Those aristocrats about Jacksonville, led by George Wilson, who, though a born Kentuckian, has lived too long in touch with Palm Beach—which the millionaires have made their own—with its Royal This, and its Imperial That, to retain much love for hoe-cake and buttermilk—those swells of St. Augustine who go to breakfast in their dress-suits—really they ought to wear wigs and top-boots—are much too rich for my blood. I want something plain and home-like. I want less ruffe and more shirt."

And then, he strikes out in rhapsodies of the particular neck of the woods in which he is located for the winter. What he says about his location will fit almost any other place in South Florida on the coast, and it all goes to show the superiority of Florida over any other winter resort.

## THERE IS NO CONSPIRACY

There has been more or less complaint recently in the Florida press, which should know better, that there is a conspiracy on the part of fruit dealers in New York and other large markets, to keep down the price of oranges. They claim that the rush of premature fruit to the markets early in the season caused buyers to make heavy losses and growers seem to feel that the present low prices here and in other markets are due to the united efforts on the part of these buyers to recoup their losses by forcing the market down to such prices that they may be able to buy the remainder of the crop at a figure that will assure them of a profit.

An article bearing on this subject, taken from the Florida Agriculturist, is printed in another column. It tells plainly how the growers seem to feel about the matter.

Nothing could be further from the truth than talk of such a conspiracy. On the face of it, it is almost an impossibility. Anyone who knows anything of the New York fruit trade, for example, knows that it is very hard to get them together in anything, let alone a conspiracy against the Florida orange growers. These growers seem to lose sight of the fact that the quality and condition of the Florida oranges which have come out of the state this season has, as a general thing, been far from good. Although promises were made that the fruit would be better after the first of the year the improvement has not been particularly noticeable.

The real truth of the matter is that the Florida growers have themselves largely to blame for the low prices which their fruit is and has been bringing. When the season started and car after car of green, half-ripe, immature fruit was shipped, we tried in every way to convince growers that they were acting foolishly; that such a course in the end would work against them, but as is usual with good advice it was not heeded. Now, what we predicted has come to pass. After being "stung" once by a green, sour Florida orange, consumers are naturally wary about trying any more of them, no matter how good they may appear.

The law of supply and demand governs in the orange market the same as it does in others. Supplies of oranges from all sections have been liberal this season, with the demand more or less curtailed, due in a great measure to the financial stringency. Oranges with the middle classes—the great portion of the consumers—are more or less of a luxury. When a financial pinch comes, oranges as well as other fruits, are among the first things cut out. The trade has felt this, receivers on the New York and other great markets saying that they have seldom known a time when the orange demand has been so dull. The prices of all fruits have suffered, and there is no reason why oranges should be an exception. Conditions are improving now and better prices are bound to come if the quality of the fruit will justify.

There is no conspiracy against the Florida grower, never has been and never will be. By organization growers can protect their interests. Years ago there was a fruit exchange in Florida for the marketing of the citrus crops. It died, but it looks to us as though a revival of something on the same line would be a distinct advantage to Florida growers as it has to those in California. Wild talk of a conspiracy is not only untrue, but unfair to the commission men in the northern and eastern markets, as well as those in the west, as they are on the whole an upright and honorable body of men.—New York Produce News.

## A DISCRIMINATING PRECEDENT

The editor of this paper has been a citizen of Ocala for upwards of forty years, and during which time he has tried to be peaceful and law-abiding in all things.

He has never asked for, nor has he ever been granted, any extraordinary privileges over other citizens.

He remembers once that the authorities said that his back fence projected on the street about eighteen or twenty inches, and he was forced to move it back at his own expense.

When his son was in business he was up before the mayor for blockading the sidewalks to the extent of about eighteen inches.

It was proved before the mayor that three or four abreast could pass and did pass and repass along the sidewalk without any inconvenience, yet notwithstanding which the son was fined and had to pay the fine and cost of court.

Mr. Converse, who operates a planing mill in the second ward, without asking anybody's permission, built a house across an entire street, and when it was called to the attention of the mayor and council he was granted the privilege of using the street for a whole year.

At the last meeting of the council Mr. Converse was granted the privilege of using the street for still another year.

Why these discriminations? The noise from Mr. Converse's planing mill is a nuisance to all the neighbors living near it.

It is said that it can be muffled at a very little expense and the noise largely abated, and these facts have been made known to the city council and others in authority, and yet the nuisance continues.

The merchants, who are the main support and upholders of the city, are not allowed to obstruct the sidewalks even for a space of eighteen inches, yet the liverymen are given the privilege of blockading the streets as well as the sidewalks, and sometimes one may count as many as fifty vehicles in front of their establishments.

We ask those in authority why is a liveryman given more rights than a merchant.

## AN AUTOMOBILE CREATES A SENSATION

Blountstown was treated to something new on Tuesday, when a party arrived from Marianna in an automobile, which was the first of these machines ever known to traverse the streets of this beautiful woodland town. The machine proved an object of great curiosity to the vast majority of our citizens, and was closely inspected by a large number of people who saw it. Uncle Tom Parish was especially taken up with the machine and prevailed upon the owner, Mr. Finlayson, to take him and a few others for a "spin." While flying through the air, Uncle Tom held both his hat and his breath.—Marianna Courier.

## FLORIDA C. E. NEWS

Editor Harris kindly sent us six copies of the Ocala Banner of February 9th, which we will try to make good use of. That picture on the first page needs no comment. The suffrage spirit pervades several interesting communications. "Flagler's Work for the Nation" should make the Banner readers better posted citizens of Florida. The Junior League program was gotten up in a way worth noticing. What pleased us most was the letter from Mr. Grant Cowan, of Vernal, Utah, who was a faithful president in the Methodist C. E. work years ago, when the Christian Endeavor movement was first felt in our state. The present state secretary first signed the active member's pledge in Mr. Cowan's society.

Two loyal Endeavorers, Mrs. F. J. Clinard, and her son, Fred Powell, are located at 232 Exposition street, Ocala, Fla. Mr. Powell is undergoing a severe siege of eye trouble, caused by the grip and overwork.

Please tell every one that on account of the Mid-Winter Exposition in Jacksonville our convention delegates may reasonably expect very low railroad rates. Full particulars will be given as soon as possible. The attendance should be double that of previous years.

Miss Lizzie Lentz, secretary of Hillsborough and Manatee district, reports a total of nine Y. P. societies, with 316 members.

Pomona Congregational workers have Mr. Wm. Keown, an old-time member with them again, who has resided in DeLand for several years.

February 15 the Allen Endeavorers of Mt. Zion church in the metropolis, had on their program an address by the "Barnet lady," Mrs. Carrie Nation.

State President Winnard has printed for the use of the two societies in his Tampa Holiness church, the state song, "Florida Juniors," on cards, and "Florida for Christ" in the form of bookmark size slips of paper.

Interlachen Endeavorers hold a social every month. The one on February met at the new home of their pastor Rev. S. J. Townsend.

The special edition of the Florida Endeavorer will be out March 15th, containing last news of the convention and the provisional program. There should be no excuse for anyone to not get well posted.

Miss Edith McManaman of 313 Adams street, Jacksonville, is one of the two Junior superintendents for the northeastern district. She is giving good service, both by correspondence and visiting near villages. Last week several pleasant days were spent at Gilmore, where the enthusiastic Endeavorers gave an enjoyable social in her honor. Mr. William Whaley is president of this society and Miss Maggie Gilmore is secretary.

South Lake Weir members had a large share in the successful box social recently given for the sensible purpose of raising funds to renew the insurance of their church. The Senior and Junior work at South Lake Weir is one of the brightest features of Marion and Citrus districts.

GRACE A. TOWNSEND, Interlachen, Fla., Feb. 21, 1908.

## SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Tallahassee, February 20, 1908. Special to Ocala Banner:

In accordance with the opinion recently given by Attorney General Ellis that there is "the state school fund twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds of the sales of public lands, made since the adoption of the constitution of 1868, two members of the state board of education who have always taken an especial interest in the matter have made an examination of the official records, resulting in the conclusion that the board is now entitled to demand of and receive from the trustees of the internal improvement fund not less than one million dollars, and probably more, in cash. These members, Superintendent Holloway and Attorney General Ellis, at an early meeting, will urge the board to present an imperative demand on the trustees for a full accounting of all sales since 1868, and for the immediate settlement of this just claim, due to the school children of Florida. J. G. C.

## Many Sleepless Nights Owing to a Persistent Cough—Relief Found

At Last  
"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance, and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

The Tampa Fair was such a big success that the managers have decided to keep it open for another week.

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## A FINE LOT OF STOCK

Messrs Tompkins & Nicholls yesterday received as fine a car of horses and mules as were ever brought to this city, the latter having just returned from a purchasing tour to the stock centers. The lot consists of fine buggy horses, draft horses, large, well built mules, suitable for turpentine and mill work.

Mr. H. J. Nicholls is probably the best judge of horse flesh in Central Florida, and about all the recommendation that a prospective buyer wants is the fact that the animals were selected by him.

Though this firm has brought to this market at various times for the past few years a great many horses and mules, Mr. Tompkins says he has no hesitancy in saying that there never was a finer lot offered for sale than this one.

Parties wishing stock would do well to drop into their stables on North Main street and inspect these.

## THE JUMPING OFF PLACE

"Consumption had me in its grasp, and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs, and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c. and \$1 at T. J. King & Co., druggists. Trial bottle free.

## DUROC REDS WIN

Many Prizes at Fair—Are Bred by H. H. Whitworth of Ocala

H. H. Whitworth of Ocala has captured quite a number of prizes with his superb exhibit of hogs of the Duroc Reds breed. The following is a list of prizes itemized as to class: First, second and third prizes on the get of one boar; first, second and third prizes on the produce of one sow; first, second and third prizes on six pigs under six months of age, bred by the exhibitor; first, second and third prizes on boar over six and under twelve months of age; first, second and third prizes on boar under six months of age; first, second and third prizes on boar under twelve months; first, second and third prizes on sow under six months; first and second prizes on boar and three sows under one year; first prize on boar and three sows under one year; first prize on boar of any age; first prize on sow of any age.

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